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## WORLD PEACE THREATENED BY ARMED AGGRESSION

### BOWLEN REBUTS CHARGES AGAINST U.F.A. GOVERNMENT

Minister States Million Dollar Administration Building Could Have Been Built for Half

#### WAS INVESTIGATED

No Trace of Excessive Costs Found By Liberals Who Inquired Into Building Expenditure

By C. H. STOUT

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

EDMONTON, March 16th.—Political graveyards were bombed ruthlessly in the Legislature Tuesday afternoon when Hon. W. A. Fallow, Minister of Public Works, in defense of his highway building policies, subjected to a royal inquiry last fall, charged that a shameless political patronage system had existed under both Liberal and U.F.A. Governments in Provincial construction, and that his day-labor plan of highway construction was saving a lot of the public money.

Definite attacks against the U.F.A. Government's policy of contract building were made by Mr. Fallow in charging that the new administration building in Edmonton, which cost about \$1,000,000 could be built for \$500,000. He repeated that he had gone into the matter of plans and costs and guaranteed he could replace it with a better building at half the contract price.

#### Liberals Had Investigated

J. J. Bowlen, Calgary, who initiated the debate by means of a resolution urging that the contract system by public tender be restored in highway building, rapped the Minister for laying charges against a former administration not now represented in the House with no opportunity to reply, and declared Liberals in the House following the construction of the Administration Building had investigated the expenditures and found no trace of improper building or excessive costs. In fact the building would cost more to erect today than at the time it was contracted for. Mr. Fallow, however, insisted he could replace it for less than \$500,000 and went on to allege that the new Normal Building in Edmonton was "settling out of shape" and was another example of shameless waste under the contract system.

The Minister moved an amendment to Mr. Bowlen's resolution placing all blame for "inefficiency and carelessness" mentioned in Judge Lunney's report on officials of the Department who had failed to carry out Government policies, and "roundly condemned" principles of political patronage carried out by previous administrations in road building, with approval of the Government's present day-labor policy of construction.

Liberal Leader E. L. Gray sharply rebuked the Minister for his attack on previous Governments, stating that at least during 16 years of Lib-

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### Lithuania Now Threatened

KAUNAS, Lithuania, March 16th.—Fears that Fascist aggression is developing on three fronts simultaneously gain support from the belligerent attitude of Poland, which has issued an ultimatum to Lithuania for satisfaction over a border incident. As this country and Latvia form one of the probable routes that Hitler might take in a march upon Russia, it is feared that this step of Poland's had been taken after consultation with the Nazi dictator. The other two Fascist fronts are Spain and Austria with Czechoslovakia menaced.

### Grave New Menace to France Feared on Southern Border

German Troops Pour Into Spain to Join with Italians, as Loyalist Position Grave

PARIS, March 16th.—The desperate plight of Spain, and the concentration of Fascist troops there, has rapidly succeeded to Austria as a source of the gravest alarm to the new Blum Government.

Premier Negrin, head of the Spanish Government, made a flying visit here last night and appealed to Premier Blum for more aeroplanes and war supplies to help him beat off the Fascist hordes. The Russian ambassador, as well as the Spanish ambassador, also appealed for aid for Spain. Premier Blum is reported to have rejected these appeals, on the ground that it is too late, though another report was to the effect that the Spanish border had been opened for the passage of munitions.

#### Thirty Thousand More Nazis?

Spanish Government forces have been rapidly driven back before Franco's heavily augmented forces. More Italian troops have reached Spain, and large numbers of German soldiers are in Spain or are en route; it is believed that part of the Hitler-Mussolini bargain was the sending of thirty thousand Germans to Spain.

Army heads here think that more German troops are in Spain than are needed to crush the Spanish Government—and also that the 200,000 or 250,000 German soldiers estimated to be now in Austria are more than necessary for the Austrian situation itself. The French Foreign Minister has told the British Government that France would stand by Czechoslovakia "in any and all circumstances."

#### CZECHOSLOVAKIA THREATENED

German newspapers on Tuesday advised Czechoslovakia to be warned by Austria and meet German demands regarding treatment of her German minority. It is also reported from Berlin, however, that because of her need for wheat and oil Germany may now concentrate upon Hungary and Rumania, the former having large wheat production and the latter oil resources.

### Will Stand by Pledges



Leon Blum, who formed a new French Government this week and immediately announced France would stand by her pledges to come to the support of Czechoslovakia in the event of an attack by Germany. Soviet Russia renewed her similar pledges to the Czechs. France has also affirmed her mutual assistance treaty with Russia stands firm. Chamberlain has declined to state Britain's stand as yet. A strong government of all parties is being discussed in Britain, but doubt is expressed as to whether Chamberlain would be acceptable as Premier. The name of Winston Churchill, who is pro-French, has been mentioned.

#### CHINESE CONTROL RAILWAY

Japanese have been repulsed along the Lunghai railway, and the Chinese have regained possession of the line and resumed regular service over it.

The free freight policy on livestock moving from drought areas into districts where feed is more plentiful will be extended to May 31st.

Emil Fey, who was suspected in connection with the Nazi Putsch in Vienna in 1934, but belonged to the "Fatherland Front," killed his wife and child and then shot himself, on Tuesday.

#### DEMAND COLLECTIVE SECURITY

British Liberal and Labor leaders, consulted as to the Government's course, both offer co-operation, but only provided there is a return to the principle of the League of Nations and collective security. Thousands attended an open air meeting in Trafalgar Square on Sunday, called by the International Peace Campaign, and later marched past the German embassy crying "Hands off Austria," "Chamberlain must go," "Czechoslovakia must be free," and similar demonstrations have occurred around 10 Downing Street and Parliament Buildings.

### EUROPE RATTLING TOWARDS WAR ON ROME-BERLIN AXIS

Dramatic Annexation of Austria Shatters Chamberlain Plan—Eden's Stand Vindicated

#### WEEK-END COUP

Events Move Swiftly After Hitler's Annexation of Austria—Return to League Demanded

LONDON, Mar. 16th.—Premier Chamberlain's plan for a four-power pact, and the "appeasement" of Europe, over which Anthony Eden resigned from the Cabinet, have been completely shattered by the dramatic three days during which Adolf Hitler took possession of Austria, and Europe today faces the gravest crisis since 1914. The Rome-Berlin axis is firm.

#### Rapid Succession of Events

Following the startling announcement, on Friday, that the Austrian plebiscite had been called off, and that German troops being already on the border, Chancellor von Schuschnigg had yielded to Hitler's demands that he hand over the helm of state to the Nazi Seyss-Inquart, came quickly the resignation of President Miklas, the proclamation that Austria was a part of the German Reich, the entry of German troops, the emergence of uniformed Austrian Nazis, and the triumphal return to his native land of Hitler.

Swastikas displayed on every hand, such of the populace as were not shivering in their homes or already rushed off to prison or concentration camp hurried to greet the dictator, who declared to cheering multitudes that "No force on earth can shake us!" and that a "real" plebiscite would be held on union with Germany.

Protests from the British Government and from France over the making of Austria a province of Germany have been tossed aside with contempt. Special Cabinet meetings have been held here, and the whole international situation has been given first place in House of Commons debates.

#### Return to League Demanded

Premier Chamberlain, in several speeches, while stating that the time would not be considered opportune to continue conversations with Germany, has not committed the Government with respect to action in case of invasion of Czechoslovakia. He has urged the necessity of building up Britain's armed forces and of being prepared for any crisis.

Winston Churchill who is pro-French and pro-collective security, and L. S. M. Amery, prominent Conservatives, have urged that warning be given that Britain would act the moment Czechoslovakia should be violated and Churchill called on the Government to rally all states of Europe against aggressors. The hope that Franco would win in Spain was voiced from pro-Fascist quarters on Government benches.

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## MANY MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY JOIN IN BUDGET DEBATE

Critics and Supporters of Government Policy Give Views on Provincial Issues

### SOCIAL CREDIT POLICY

Stated Supreme Court Decisions Will Not Deter Government From Pressing Policies

Special to The Western Farm Leader

EDMONTON, Mar. 16th. — The first two weeks of the budget debate may not have been the hardest, but it provided an outlet for unbounded criticism, the opposition censuring the Provincial Government for failure to fulfil election promises, and Government speakers attacking Federal authorities and financial interests for blocking efforts to bring about a changed economic and social order in Alberta. On the whole a lot of fault was found during the fortnight elapsing in the Legislature since Hon. Solon Low brought down the 1938 estimates on February 25th.

James Popil, Sturgeon, suggested it might be better for Alberta if the Province broke off from the rest of Canada.

### Government to Press On

It was declared by Hon. W. A. Fallow, G. L. MacLachlan, chairman of the social credit board, and others from administrative benches that the supreme court decision on Alberta acts would not deter the Government from "pressing on" toward the inauguration of a new system. Mr. Fallow maintained that no Provincial Government could relieve the people from "the clutches of the financial octopus" without being challenged by the Dominion Government on the orders of international finance. Mr. MacLachlan also insisted that Alberta had been thwarted in its program by acts of the Federal Government; but before no other budget was brought down he "hoped the people would have control of their credit and the chains of financial racketeers thrown off."

Charles Cockroft, Stettler, former Provincial Treasurer, slated the Government for following unsound policies and ignoring promises, and declared he was considering resigning his seat in order that a test of public opinion might be made. He said he would have no hesitation in doing so if the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Fallow, would also resign for the same purpose.

Mr. Fallow previously had rapped Messrs. Chant and Huggill, former Ministers, for crossing the floor of the House, bittily exclaiming that when he had "to play traitor to those who sent me here I will be man enough to resign." Mr. Chant, two days before, had sharply criticised the Social Credit board, charging them with lack of practical results of any value to the Province.

D. M. Duggan, Conservative leader, in continuing the debate the first of the week, insisted that the Government could have maintained Alberta credit and met obligations by taking advantage of the Dominion loan council, thereby saving the Province \$17,000,000 in defaults which would eventually have to be met. He took the opportunity of protesting against the \$200 indemnity increase, debated and carried while he was absent from the House.

From Government ranks William Tomyn, Whitford, and Rev. J. A. Wingblade, Wetaskiwin, defended social credit policies, the former rapping in an interrogative manner to skirt the rules of the House. Why had the supreme court of Canada gone out of its way to declare Social Credit legislation ultra vires?—and the latter protesting that the time of the House was being wasted by opposition speakers in "wise-cracking" at the Government.

### States Moratorium Injures Industry

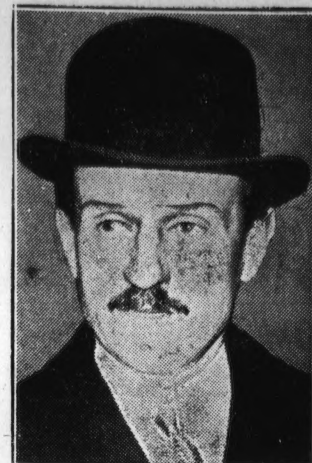
James Hansen, Taber, first Government supporter to break with the Premier on policies and cross the floor of the House, spoke as a farmer and charged that moratorium and debt reducing legislation was injuring the farming industry far more than it helped. He charged the Government with following erroneous theories instead of retracing their steps and instituting a capable, economic administration of public affairs.

Mr. Hansen claimed instead of reducing taxation as promised the Government had increased the public burden and, worse still, was cutting down essential public services. He said he was prepared to defend his disassociation with the Government on any platform, for he acted as his judgment and conscience dictated after seeing the Government in action in the House, and he never would sign a pledge that bound him to stand up or sit down any time the Government ordered.

### States Alberta's Face "Slapped"

"Outward sign of an inward economic disease," was the definition of the budget by N. B. James, S.C., Acadia, who noted too that budgets came and budgets went but people went on relief forever. However, Mr. James was confident the supreme court judgment really "sounded the knell of the Bankers' Association" because they would rouse the people against finance. Mr. Hansen had maintained that the Dominion Government was bearing

## Resigned as Franc Fell



Failing to get approval from Socialists and Communists for his program to deal with French finances, Camille Chautemps, above, resigned the Premiership of France on March 10th, rather than face a vote that might have split his Radical Socialist party and terminated the Popular Front. A new Cabinet was formed by Leon Blum.

a big load of Provincial expenditure; Mr. James claimed "Prime Minister King has no hesitation in slapping Alberta's face."

### Liberal Member's Criticism

"We have no Social Credit, but we have \$100,000 for propaganda," charged Gerald O'Connor, Liberal, Edmonton; "no dividends but we increase our own indemnities instead of lowering taxation. Instead of reduction of debts we have an increase and high interest rates, and the credit and good name of the Province gone." Nor were there short term loans for farmers, nor any way of building homes in cities. Steps being tried by the Provincial Government were tried in Rome 2,000 years ago and proven fallacious. He advocated speeding up adjustment of debts by increasing the number of debt adjusting tribunals, and severely protested the Government's decision not to present an Alberta brief to the Rowell commission, especially on the question of tariff policies.

John Irwin, Conservative, Calgary, described the Social Credit Board as a "five-ring circus with Major Douglas the ringmaster." Dividends would never be paid, he felt sure, other than those "nice ones" which members of the Legislature paid themselves.

When Mr. Irwin charged that Premier Aberhart had declared there was no need of banks, the Premier interrupted that "it was not correct." Mr. Aberhart said he might have said the Government did not need a bank but he had not stated that banks were unnecessary.

In reply to questions from J. J. Bowlen, Liberal, Calgary, regarding dietary quotas and allowances for relief recipients, Dr. W. W. Cross, Minister of Health, read a lengthy statement in the House maintaining that the agreement under which Alberta receives \$125,000 monthly from the Dominion Government for relief assistance, was signed under protest in order that the grant might not be indefinitely held up.

Organized a little over twenty years ago with \$15.50 capital, the Central Co-operative Wholesale (Superior, Wisconsin,) now has assets of \$262,000 and supplies 140 co-operative stores with \$3,000,000 worth of goods yearly.

Wisconsin laws forbidding discrimination against co-operatives were invoked recently to compel a Milwaukee wholesaler to supply the local consumers' co-operative.

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## GRIST OF BILLS IN ALBERTA HOUSE IS BEING CONSIDERED

**Surtaxes on Succession Duties to Be Increased—Penalty for Horned Cattle**

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, Mar. 16th.—Steadily the list of sessional bills on the Legislative Assembly order paper has been mounting, with a number of more important measures still to come. Committee work during the prolonged budget debate has been carried on, with the result that many minor amending proposals are now down for third reading.

Among the more contentious bills was one proposing in an admittedly perplexing manner a wage tax of one per cent on all wages over \$60 a month, but the revenue thus derived to be offset against income tax payments after the end of the year. General confusion arose over the first draft of the bill submitted by Hon. Solon Low before the Treasurer left suddenly for Ottawa following the introduction of the 1938 budget, but Premier Aberhart reiterated the first statement of Mr. Low that the Government did not intend to impose a wage tax.

Claims were made that the bill was primarily designed to reach hundreds of more or less casual laborers in the Turner Valley Oilfield who could not be taxed through income levies. Government backbenchers were critical of the bill, however, in caucus, and it will be redrafted, Hon. Mr. Low announced to the House Friday. Other phases of the income tax amendments under which the wage tax was introduced provide for higher levies on corporation incomes.

### Double Surtaxes

Likewise surtaxes on succession duties will be increased, doubled in fact from 10 to 20 percent. Unearned increment taxes also are doubled from 5 to 10 per cent, with expected revenue of \$32,000, the Premier stated.

The new bill to tax mineral rights was amended in committee to levy one-third of one cent per acre, instead of three cents an acre as first proposed by Hon. Lucien Maynard. It was estimated nearly 17,000,000 acres would be required to pay the new tax. Mr. Maynard admitted to E. L. Gray, Liberal leader, that no exemption had been provided for lands which contained no minerals.

The wild lands tax of two cents an acre, especially opposed by Mr. Gray as tending to force increased production at a time when over-production existed, was turned over to the House committee on agriculture for further examination. Likewise to the agricultural committee was referred the whole question of jobless relief with briefs invited from all organizations and municipal authorities interested.

Sweeping powers enabling the Government to investigate any trade or industry in the Province for the purpose of securing statistical information are proposed in a bill amending the Trade and Industry Act. Government members as well as others took exception to one section which virtually placed the onus of proving innocence of intent to withhold information upon persons involved under the act, and a revision of principle was promised consideration by Hon. Ernest Manning, Minister in charge.

### Penalty for Horned Cattle

Despite opposition and some Government criticism that it was nothing more than an additional tax on livestock producers, a bill was reported from committee during the week to require one dollar penalty paid to the Government for every head of cattle sold with horns on. Since shippers now penalize horned cattle one dollar a head it was contended farmers selling cattle with horns now would have two dollars to pay.

The bill to set up machinery for

## Decreed Austria Out of Existence



Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Austrian Nazi whom Hitler first forced Schuschnigg to take into his Cabinet. When Schuschnigg later yielded to an ultimatum demanding his resignation, and President Miklas also resigned, Seyss-Inquart was sworn in as President. His only Presidential act was the issuing of a decree abolishing Austria's independent existence.

inauguration of credit unions in the Province and encourage the formation of co-operative societies thereby, now stands for third reading. The plan was said by Mr. Manning to follow in detail "baby bank" legislation in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

When protests were made in committee that rates of interest of one per cent per month on unpaid balances of loans were excessive, Mr. Manning said the scale was much below that charged by financial companies on short term loans.

Another bill provides for uniformity of assessment of property liable to taxation in towns, villages, municipalities, improvement districts and school districts. In the tax recovery act a revision will be made, it is understood, to enable local newspapers to carry one advertisement of lands to be sold at auction for tax arrears as well as having the list published in the Alberta Gazette.

### Seizure of Overages

The principle involved in Government seizure of overages at grain elevators has been opposed by representatives of the U.G.G. and Alberta Wheat Pool, as well as by other elevator interests, the bill now being in committee. Another bill provides for liens to be filed for the cost of clearing, breaking and cultivating land upon which crops are to be grown. Bill 48 will restrict the activities of dairy co-operatives to strictly prescribed areas, these areas to be defined by order of the Minister, though dairy co-operatives may purchase cream, milk or butter-fat from other co-operatives.

## New Threat to Free Speech

Danger of curtailment of free speech over the radio was hinted at in the House of Commons last week, when Hon. C. H. Cahan, Secretary of State in the former Conservative Government, criticised a Sunday afternoon address by G. V. Ferguson, of Winnipeg, as "provocative propaganda." Prime Minister King promised to bring the matter to the attention of the board of directors of the C.B.C.

That 3,500,000 policyholders held policies totalling about \$6,900,000,000 in Canadian life insurance companies was the statement recently made by G. Wilson Geddes, president of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association. Behind these policies, said Mr. Geddes, were over \$2,000,000,000 of assets—invested in Dominion, Provincial and Municipal bonds, first mortgages, public utility bonds, school debentures, etc.

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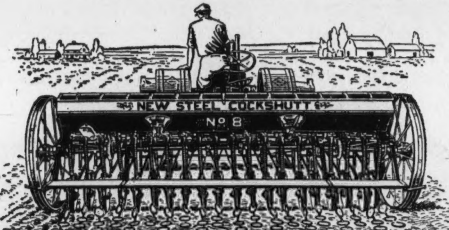
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## SEED DISTRIBUTION

Now that the Dominion and Provincial Governments have reached an agreement in regard to the financing of seed grain supplies for the drought affected areas, distribution must be carried out with all speed. There can be no excuse for delay. Rapid distribution is necessary not only in the farmers' interest, but also in that of the whole Alberta community.

There has been a great deal of delay in such matters in the past, and a great deal of quarrelling between Governments as to where the responsibility should be placed. We appeal to the authorities concerned, now, to allow nothing to interfere with the carrying out of the distribution at once.

There can be no profit at this time in further debate in the Legislature as to who has been responsible in the past. The Liberals have blamed the Provincial Government and Government supporters have blamed the Dominion. We are not at all interested at this time in these recriminations. The farmers have a right to insist, however, that there shall be no repetition of past unhappy experiences in the handling of relief supplies.

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## BUTTER AND BUTTERFAT

While the prices of butter have remained practically steady during recent weeks, the price of butter-fat has risen several cents. From which it would appear that either the profits of the creamery operators have in the past been too large, or that they are now buying butter-fat at unprofitable prices.

Those who are expert in the industry are agreed that it will be impossible to buy butter-fat at the present price, over any considerable period of time, unless the operators concerned can draw upon other sources of revenue or go into debt. The condition, which seems to be most pronounced in the southern part of the Province, is therefore an artificial one; and an artificial inflation of prices is not easy to understand except on the basis of some deliberately planned policy, which, by causing serious losses to the weaker concerns, might enable the stronger to create a virtual monopoly. Those farmers who have had any experience in such matters know that

private monopolies, in the long run, are not desirable from the producers' standpoint.

The present market situation should cause a rallying of the cream producers to their own co-operative concerns. The time to do it is now.

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## WILLIAM PEARCE SCHEME

By bringing the case for the William Pearce watering scheme to the attention of urban people, Jack Sutherland of Hanna is doing an important service to all the people in the areas concerned.

At a meeting of the Calgary Board of Trade this week, Mr. Sutherland outlined the undertaking in detail. He had a good reception from the business men of Calgary. He showed that an estimated population of 29,000 persons would benefit from the carrying out of the enterprise. He rightly emphasized the responsibility of the Dominion Government for the opening up of the short grass areas to settlement, and rightly insisted that the cost of the William Pearce scheme should be borne by the Dominion.

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## EDEN'S TRAGIC VINDICATION

The world is rattling into barbarism on the Rome-Berlin Axis, and the statesmen of the democratic countries who have failed to heed the warnings of the past few years by strengthening the League of Nations, building up among the non-aggressor states a firm resistance and developing a clearly defined policy, must bear a major responsibility for what has occurred and is occurring.

Only a few weeks have passed since Eden uttered his warning, and already he has been fully vindicated—tragically vindicated. He stayed perhaps too long in the Foreign Office, where the strangely erratic course of the British Government's attitude towards the problem of European "appeasement" was apparently due to conflict between himself and a majority of the Cabinet.

Perhaps his warning should have been given sooner, and his resignation was too long delayed. But the complete proofs of faithlessness of the Fascist despots which have been given during the past week end have shown up in a vivid and tragic light the utter futility of the policy of attempting to purchase peace by the payment of blackmail. The British Government

deserted the League, deserted the principle of collective security, to no purpose—except the purpose of those who today threaten the foundations of democracy and freedom.

There is only one course open today to those who would arrest the onward march of aggression, the march towards war. Back to the League, or at least back to the principles for which it stands. If there is any hope, it lies in that direction. Winston Churchill from the Conservative benches no less than Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Atlee and others from the Liberal and Labor benches in the British House of Commons, emphasized that fact.

It may be doubted whether the Chamberlain Government can meet the present challenge. It is called upon completely to reverse the policies to which it has been committed. A number of its members have come under suspicion by reason of their association with the Cliveden Set,—described by one of the leading journalists of our day, a former correspondent of the London Times, in our last issue, or with other pro-Fascist circles.

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Mr. Chamberlain still seems hesitant, when courage, a clarion call to the democracies, and a clearly defined policy, are called for, and might rally the little countries which are in danger, in sheer desperation, of aligning themselves with the despotic powers. Czechoslovakia, of course, will not; but there is virtual certainty that the passage of time will strengthen the power of Rome and Berlin in every quarter.

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Can those whose lack of foresight or worse have brought the world to the brink of what would be the greatest catastrophe in human history, now be entrusted with the tasks of the immediate future? There are many, apparently, in Britain, who doubt it. It is not a matter in which considerations of party should count. Winston Churchill, Conservative of the Conservatives, has been totally out of sympathy with the pro-Fascist elements in his party. He stands today, as many other Conservatives and members of both Labor and Liberal parties do, for collective security; for co-operation with France; for firmness and decision.

It is possible that collaboration between statesmen of all parties whose trustworthiness in these matters is not open to question, may be necessary in the formation of a genuinely national government.

It may be that Mr. Chamberlain, when he has had time to adjust himself to the need for a complete reversal of his former policy, may yet give a lead which can be followed. But the very fact that he has lost the confidence of the masses of the people of Britain, as would seem now to have been demonstrated, is in itself a handicap which it may well be too late for him to overcome. The need of this moment may be to build up some such form of collaboration as is provided by the Popular Front in France.

## VAST SUPPLIES OF NEWEST ARMS ARE SHIPPED TO SPAIN

Enormous Weight of German and Italian Munitions of Latest Types Rushed In

### DUCE'S NEW DOUBLE-CROSS

Weight of Mechanical Equipment at Last Breaks Lines of Loyalists—France Threatened

NEW YORK, March 16th.—When Mussolini advised Premier Chamberlain, on the eve of Eden's resignation, that he would agree to withdrawal of Italian forces from Spain, he was pouring in men and munitions and he has continued to do so since.

The volume has swelled, until the flood of modern planes, artillery, tanks and armaments of every kind from Germany and Italy has been brought to such numbers that the German-Italian invaders, with Franco as the puppet of foreign Fascism, are now by sheer weight of metal, driving back the Loyalists whose lines have been broken.

#### Sending Best Equipment

"The Germans," the New York *Nation* points out, "are now sending THEIR BEST EQUIPMENT." In February a number of Desau machines appeared. The Desau is a large, armored fighting plane fitted with seven machine-guns and one cannon. At the same time many Junker 52's, Heinkel 3's and fast Messerschmitts continue to fly over Switzerland and France into Franco territory. Mussolini, in February, furnished the rebels with new squadrons of Fiats, Isota Fraschinis, Savoias, and Capronis, which were responsible for the recapture of Teruel."

It would be amazing if the British Government were not aware of these things when it virtually fired Eden, who gave warning that Mussolini's record of broken promises made it useless to negotiate with him until at least some promises had been carried out.

#### Mussolini Changed Tune

The arrangement was to be that all powers, including Italy, had agreed that the French frontier would be closed and aid to both sides in the Spanish conflict terminated when a substantial withdrawal of foreign (who are mainly Italian) "volunteers" had been completed. Immediately after giving her latest promise, which Eden branded as worthless while Chamberlain accepted it, Italy demanded that the frontier be closed as soon as the international commission which was to determine the number of volunteers should reach Spain. Thus was another promise broken.

Mussolini, the *Nation* points out, knew that France could not assent to an arrangement that would cut off aid from the Loyalists while Italy continues to support Franco. "His demand can only be construed as an effort to line up Britain with the Fascist powers in support of the Spanish rebels."

Now, if Catalonia falls, France will have German and Italian forces threatening her from the Spanish border in the south as well as from the German boundary to the East and the borders of Italy to the southeast.

#### Wantonly Thrown Away

The question arises: Why did Britain compel France to hold her hand at the beginning of the Spanish rebellion, when in violation of international law, the French Government, at the instance of the British, withheld supplies which the Spanish Government was entitled to buy for her own defence? It seems to many that by this and other courses, the security of both France and of British lines of communication has been wantonly thrown away.

## Reassured Britain as Hitler's Troops Marched



Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, who advised the British Government Hitler would not invade Austria a few hours before German troops crossed the frontier. Ribbentrop was the target of hostile demonstrations while in London, "negotiating" with Lord Halifax for a deal with Britain. Later, at a great indignation meeting held in Trafalgar Square under the auspices of the International Peace Campaign headed by Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, Professor J. B. S. Haldane, noted scientist, declared that the Government had insulted the King and Queen by arranging for them to receive von Ribbentrop as their dinner guest while the invasion of Austria was beginning. The I.P.C. stands for collective security and stresses the fact that the non-Fascist states are so vastly superior in economic and military strength to the aggressors that joint action would cut down the risks of aggression to a minimum.

## Land Corporations Protest Proposed Wild Lands Tax

(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

EDMONTON, March 16th.—Protested by representatives of land holding corporations in the Province, the proposed wild lands tax of two cents an acre provided for in a bill before the legislative assembly was discussed in the agricultural committee of the house Monday.

Strong possibility of extensions being made in the list of exemptions under the act, if the levy itself is not amended, was indicated by the nature of the briefs presented and the reception by the committee. Former Premier Herbert Greenfield speaking for the Dominion Lands Settlement Corporation, claimed all justification for a tax on wild lands had disappeared by a complete reversal of conditions since the original taxation act, which was enforced under his administration, had been enacted in 1914.

C. E. Joslyn, manager of the land department of the Hudson's Bay Co., Winnipeg, charged that the tax "meant confiscation of the land." He stated that his company had already paid more than \$30,000 in tax on lands that today could not be sold for \$20,000. Government backbenchers complained that the company had no right to retain mineral privileges on lands forfeited to the crown or municipalities for arrears of taxes. The tax was objected to by E. D. Adams, of the Calgary and Edmonton Corporation, James McCaig, K.C., of the C.P.R., Calgary, and P. W. Abbott, K.C., speaking for the Canadian National railway.

After hearing delegations the committee referred the bill back to the house.

## Subscriptions for Neighbors Are Sent In

From time to time our subscribers send in subscriptions for neighbors. Recently one of these was sent in by Mr. W. A. Isaac of Consort. May we suggest to all our readers that if they would undertake in this way to get an additional subscription, they could render real service in building up *The Western Farm Leader* and increasing its opportunities for usefulness to the farm people.

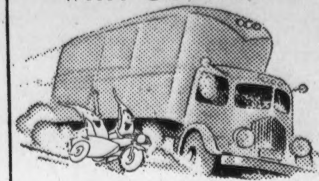
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## Fascist Menace

"Fascists outnumber Communists ten to one in Montreal," declared T. D. Bouchard, Liberal leader, in the Quebec Legislature. Fascist public meetings were also being held at Valleyfield and St. Hyacinthe, he said; at the latter place, Fascist uniforms were worn to mass on Christmas Day.

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### Coloring the News

WASHINGTON.—Since the passage of the Labor Relations Act, the U.S. National Association of Manufacturers has spent about \$1,350,000 to get its propaganda, opposing the act and its provisions, into newspapers, movies, and schools and over the radio, investigations of the Senate Civil Liberties committee showed, recently. The vice-president of the association said that 5,900 newspapers were using its "news" and "features."

### Outspoken French Cardinal on Social Betterment

An outspoken and welcome statement of the real objects of organized efforts for social betterment was shown in a recent statement of Cardinal Verdier, of Paris, as reported in the *New York Times*. "During the three social stages of slavery, serfdom and wage-earning through which it has passed," said the Cardinal, "humanity has been obliged to make an incessant effort to throw off the chains that one of its groups has loaded upon the other, and revolutions in the last analysis only represent a new emancipation of the sacrificed classes. When one studies closely these periodic crises that convulse the world, it will be found that they have no other object than to achieve greater equality and a fairer place for the individual, that is to say, for everybody."

## CUTTING OF COSTS OF GROWING FARM PRODUCTS URGED

Tariff Issue As It Concerns Farm Implements Discussed in Parliament

### ALBERTA ISSUE

Dunning and Blackmore Differ on Theory—Licensing of Power Export

By M. McDOUGALL

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*  
OTTAWA, Mar. 16th.—The question of aid for the agriculturist naturally arises at frequent intervals in parliamentary debate. One of the most recent contributions on this important problem has been from J. F. Johnston of Lake Centre. Discussing the report of the farm implements committee of the House which was presented just before the prorogation of the last session, he had seven concrete suggestions to make for the consideration of the Government. They were:

#### The Proposals

(1) the administration should give serious thought to the matter of removing all duties on farm implements; (2) cream separators should be on the free list as they were in former times; (3) no dumping duties should apply on farm implements or cream separators; (4) all raw materials used in the manufacture of farm implements should be duty free; (5) the Crown's rates on farm implements should be restored, and care must be taken to see that the reduction in freight rates should redound to the benefit of the farmer; (6) an agricultural economist should be appointed to check up material and labor costs in the manufacture of farm implements and this official should render annual reports to the Minister of Agriculture; (7) a commission should be appointed to investigate the feasibility of manufacturing farm implements in the prairie section of Canada where 70 per cent of the farm implements made in Canada are purchased. He mentioned that power was cheap in Winnipeg and referred to the coal of Saskatchewan and Alberta. If Western agriculture is to continue and revive, said Mr. Johnston, wheat must be produced more cheaply. One step in the direction of reducing costs is to lower the prices of farm implements. Implements and the soil constitute the farmers' raw materials.

These have been stirring times about Parliament Hill with the noise of Mr. Bennett's retirement and the Supreme Court decisions on Alberta fading into the background but with speculation rife on who will be chosen to lead the Conservatives, and Alberta again very much in the foreground by Mr. Aberhart's decision to appeal his case to the Privy Council in London. The decision of Mr. Aberhart to seek judgment from the "foot of the throne" caused no surprise here but the comment frequently heard is: "the chances of reversal of the Supreme Court's decision would seem pretty slim with that judgment being unanimous."

#### Social Credit or Inflation?

There was plenty of fire in the opening of the attempt of Mr. Blackmore to give social credit a national status. The passage at arms between Mr. Blackmore and the Minister of Finance, Mr. Dunning, on the social credit theory has been one of the high spots of the present session. But there seems to be no common ground whatever between the two theories supported by these two men, the one holding that goods and services should be the basis of the issuance of money and credit, the other holding that the adoption of social credit would mean an orgy of inflation, the "most unwise and unjust form of taxation ever devised."

## Hopes for Further Loans



Dr. Hjalmer Schacht, above, re-appointed President of the Reichbank on March 11th, when Hitler's troops were getting ready to cross the Austrian frontier, hopes to arrange for further loans from Britain. Previous loans facilitated by Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, assisted Hitler in advancing his armament program. Dr. Schacht is on good terms with Norman.

#### Export of Power

Other interesting discussions have been over the bill sponsored by the Prime Minister, Mr. King, on power export, and over the resolution in the Senate on unified management for the railways. Mr. King's bill will give control direct to Parliament of licensing electrical power export. Hitherto the power has been vested in the Cabinet. In 1929 a bill of almost exactly similar terms was passed by the House of Commons unanimously, but failed to pass the Senate because at the last moment certain points were raised which could not be discussed fully before the close of the session.

Under the present bill export licenses can be obtained only through private bills placed before Parliament. Canada's policy in regard to power export is of course of the greatest importance. Canada has a great deal of potential power in her water courses. Less than twenty per cent of it has as yet been harnessed. There is certainly no shortage of power for Canada's present industrial or domestic needs. But what of the future? Exporting power is not like the export of other commodities. It has a "finality" that has to be taken into account. One cannot simply turn off power at a moment's notice if it is found to be needed at home. Parliament will therefore carefully weigh each request for license to export in the light of the future needs of our own country.

#### The C.N.R. Deficit

There is of course very little likelihood at the present at least that the suggestion of unification of the railways will make much headway. The discussions, however, have served again to draw the attention of the Government and the public to the burden of the C.N.R. deficit which has to be paid from the pockets of the taxpayer.

The report of the Ministry of Finance on revenues and expenditures for the first eleven months of the fiscal year show a decided improvement over the same months of last year. There has been a net improvement of about 60 million dollars. While there are heavy bills to be met by the exchequer for the last month, it is quite evident that the deficit for the year, if there is one at all, will be a very moderate one. For the eleven months there was an excess of revenues over expenditures of nearly 30 million dollars while it was just the other way about last year. At that time expenses were 30 million over receipts. But as stated, not only the March revenues are to be taken into account but the large "cleaning up" payments before the books are closed for the year.

# Lowly Oat Hull Now Has Many Industrial Uses

By ELVINS Y. SPENCER, B.Sc.

**Waste Product of Farm Used in Making Multitude of Useful Things, from Abrasive Wheels and Knobs for Radios to Varnish and Preparation for Treatment of Athlete's Foot.**

Up until recently and even now the farm is considered by many as producing for personal consumption only. As an individual can consume only a limited amount, overproduction has been solved at times by destroying crops and reducing the number of acres under cultivation. Within the last few years, however, many and varied uses have been found for many agricultural products in industry by the research chemist. In some cases a by-product formerly discarded is used, while in others a new use is found for some food by converting it into a more useful product by fermentation, hydrolysis or some other process.

The agricultural products that may be utilized are numerous, and the products formed almost endless, but under existing conditions of transportation and processing, many products that might be utilized cannot be, due to the present uneconomic nature of the enterprise.

## Case of the Lowly Oat Hull

A common by-product once considered a waste but now used in the production of commercially useful compounds is the oat hull. From it, one product is obtained that is utilized in the production of a substance like Bakelite which is used for knobs on radios, electric plugs, cold cream jar tops and a host of other articles. This same product is used in the manufacture of resin-bonded abrasive wheels. This adaptation has reduced the grinding costs of a moderately priced car by 80 per cent. This product also appears in varnishes and is used for water proofing. Recently it has been adapted to purify petroleum products, which results in easier car starting in cold weather and less sludge in the crank case. It is also used as a preservative, as a treatment for athletes' foot and swimmers' itch and in photo-engraving and photo-lithography.

Derivatives of this compound are used for treating grain, in place of formaldehyde, while others will be used as anti-freeze, when the demand becomes large enough to lower the price. Thus from the lowly oat hull many useful and important products are produced.

## Uses for Groat

The hull of the oat is used in the above mentioned cases. Uses for the groat or cereal part are also important. It has been used with soaps for the removal of skin blemishes, rash and the alleviation of sunburn. It is also used in fats, oils, potato chips, lard and coffee to prevent the development of rancidity. It also eliminates the odor of waxed paper.

By hydrolysis and fermentation of oat hulls a solvent known as acetone is produced, among other compounds. Acetone is used extensively in the lacquer industry, in the automobile industry, for aeroplane dope, varnish remover, in the rayon industry and in explosives. Its derivatives as iodoform and chloroform are used in medicine.

## Ethyl Alcohol Another Product

One of the other products is ethyl alcohol, which can also be obtained from any substance containing starch, such as potatoes and wheat, by fermentation. Alcohol is next to water in importance as a solvent and this alone makes it a most valuable substance. Recently it has also been used in blends with gasoline and even alone as a fuel. It has a high anti-knock value, which is needed so much in the newer high compression engines.

## Describes Achievement of Modern Chemistry



Elvins Y. Spencer, above, author of the article on this page, is a graduate of the University of Alberta, where he is now engaged in chemical research. Born and brought up on a farm, he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Spencer, of Edgerton. He has served as a Junior U.F.A. Director and as Junior Vice-President.

Being a solvent for carbon, it removes all carbon from the exhaust valves and cylinder heads. As it is water soluble it prevents rusting and the accumulation of any water in the carburetor by condensation. In the Philippines, tractors are sold that burn alcohol entirely.

Some other products produced by fermentation which might be mentioned are butyl and methyl alcohol. The former is used in lacquers and its derivatives in vulcanizing accelerators, and in metal cleaners, anti-foaming agents, photographic films and synthetic flavors. The latter is used extensively as a solvent and to produce formaldehyde, which in turn is used in making dyestuffs, and as a germicide, disinfectant and in synthetic resins like Bakelite.

## Uses of Flax

Flax is an important crop, for from one type linen is obtained and linseed oil from another. The oil is used extensively in paints as it has good "drying" power.

Even the usually despised mold is used to produce citric acid, which is employed in the flavor industry.

From straw, paper can be made that is of as good a quality as paper made from wood, but as yet the transportation of the raw product makes the industry uneconomical. From straw one can also obtain ethyl alcohol.

Sheep wool yields a fat-like substance called "lanolin" which is used in medicine for its healing properties and in ointments and face creams.

## Wastes From Packing Plants

Many wastes from the packing plants are used as fertilizers, others

as feeds, while the ductless glands are saved and used by the pharmaceutical companies in the production of hormone extracts which have become of importance in treating certain ailments caused by the lack or insufficiency of some hormone.

## Soy Bean an "All Round Plant"

Soy bean is the best example of an all round plant with many uses, but so far it has not been grown on a commercial scale in Alberta. It has been used in the vast plywood industry as a glue, while its oil is employed in the paint industry, as well as in linoleum, soap, mayonnaise, margarine, salad oils and cooking oils.

The protein part is used in the plastic industry, as in light switches and various automobile parts such as the steering wheel. Soy bean flour is utilized in chocolate bars, in cocoa, sausages and even in ice cream and as milk. Certain extractions are used as emulsifiers in margarine and mayonnaise, and make a good nerve tonic.

We thus see to some extent the degree in which farm products are used in industry. As this is just the beginning, it would be unsafe to predict what the research chemist will "dig up" or apply next!

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# Current News from Near and Far

## PROVINCIAL

Suffocated by gas, two miners lost their lives in a Luscar coal mine on Monday.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Edmonton, Most Rev. H. J. O'Leary, died in Victoria recently.

A protest meeting, held in Camrose, over the proposed closing of the Normal School there, was attended by a large crowd.

Sir Edward Beatty, president of the C.P.R., will deliver the Convocation address at the University of Alberta, May 13th.

Norman F. Priestley is in the Peace River country this week, on business for the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association of which he is chairman.

Stocking of Sylvan Lake with "bluegills," a variety of sunfish, is the purpose of a move begun by the Sylvan Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Validity of the Provincial Licensing of Trades and Businesses Act, passed last year, will be tested through legal action started by the Motor Car Supply Company of Calgary.

Roy H. Rounds, driver of the bus that knocked down three children in East Coulee, two of them being fatally injured, was exonerated of any blame by the jury.

Present low prices for finished cattle mean heavy losses for many livestock men who bought stockers and feeders last fall at prices almost as high as the present prices for the finished product.

Regular aeroplane service between Lethbridge and Edmonton will be inaugurated within a few weeks by the Federal Department of Transport, it is announced. Stops will be made at Calgary when the weather is suitable for landing.

Dr. P. M. Campbell, M.L.A., Lethbridge; A. A. Macmillan, Peace River; S. F. Heckbert, Vermilion; A. C. B. Grenville, Morrin; Stanley J. Davies, Calgary; Paul L. Farnalls, Halkirk; and A. G. Baalim, Lethbridge, are new members of the Provincial Unity Council headed by John I. McFarland.

The Federal Government is prepared, said Hon. J. G. Gardiner in Edmonton on Monday, to set up anti-tuberculosis districts for cattle in Alberta. If one or more municipal districts make application, the Federal Government will inspect and pay compensation for animals destroyed.

## DOMINION

Cruelty, desertion and insanity are made grounds for divorce in the new bill now before the Senate.

Col. S. T. Wood succeeds the late Sir James MacBrien, who died March 5th, as head of the R.C.M.P.

Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett has announced his retirement from leadership of the Conservative party in Canada.

The Rowell Commission sits in Victoria for ten days, and will open its hearings in Edmonton on March 28th.

Profits of 125 Canadian corporations aggregated almost thirty per cent more during fiscal years closing during 1937 than in the previous year.

A board of review on illegal entry of aliens into Canada has been appointed by the Federal Government. It will convene in Vancouver on March 21st.

Strenuous opposition to the amalgamation of the C.N.R. with any privately-owned road was expressed in a recent statement of the C.C.F. Parliamentary group.

A petition for the release of Messrs. Powell and Unwin, presented last week to the Governor-in-Council at Ottawa, was signed by all C.C.F. Members of Parliament, three Liberals, three Independents and one Conservative, in addition to the Social Credit Members.

The great majority of people in Canada favor state medicine, said J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., in the debate on a bill introduced into the House of Commons by D. McIvor, Liberal M.P., for the inauguration in Canada of such a scheme. The Minister of Health, Hon. C. G. Power, was opposed.

"No Province has the power to reduce in that Province the political rights of its citizens, as compared with those enjoyed by the citizens of other Provinces," states the judgment of the Supreme Court in its ruling that Alberta's Bank taxation act, regulation of credit act, and press act were all three ultra vires. The decision was unanimous.

While "great interests in this country are coining money by sending munitions to Japan," said J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., to a Toronto meeting, "we are getting into a furore over protection from Japan on our west coast." If any Japanese attack should be made, continued the C.C.F. leader, it would probably be with Canadian munitions.

Profits of \$9,462,284 are shown in the annual statement of the C.P.R., recently issued—an increase of more than three millions over the figure for 1936.

## WORLD

A million volunteer air raid precaution workers have been called for by Sir Samuel Hoare, British Home Secretary.

Russia will aid Czechoslovakia against German invasion if France also adheres to her agreement in that respect, it is reported from Moscow.

One British seaman was killed and several others wounded when a Spanish Fascist aeroplane bombed a British vessel, the *Stanwell*, at Tarragona.

Eighteen of the 21 Russians convicted on charges of treason were sentenced to death on Saturday night, and have already faced the firing squad.

Richard Whitney, head of a New York firm of stockbrokers, has been convicted of grand larceny. The firm's shortages are estimated as high as \$1,000,000.

It is believed that 200 lives were lost in the recent southern California floods; \$50,000,000 damage was done to public property while the damage to homes and farms has not been estimated.

South American countries, believed to be rapidly coming under the influence of Fascist European countries, especially Germany, are now beginning to enforce repressive measures against Jews.

Ownership of two small and barren islands in the Pacific, named Canton and Enderbury, is being debated by Great Britain and the U.S. They are important as possible landing places and refuelling stations for air traffic.

Clarence Darrow, eminent American lawyer, an opponent of capital punishment, who defended Eugene Debs in 1894 and John T. Scopes, the Tennessee teacher accused of teaching evolution, died in Chicago on Sunday, at the age of 80.

Another \$250,000,000 for war preparations added to the former appropriations for this and for ordinary purposes brings Great Britain's budget this year to about \$4,600,000,000—the greatest since the close of the Great War.

Freed by a Berlin court, Rev. Martin Niemöller, submarine commander during the Great War and now leader of the Protestant church opposition to Nazi regimentation, was immediately re-arrested and taken to a concentration camp.

Complaints of American business men that the Roosevelt "New Deal" is impoverishing them, are not borne out by a survey of the National City Bank of New York, which found that 1,020 leading corporations showed profits totalling \$1,837,941,000 in 1937—in addition to increasing their assets by \$500,000,000.

Two Fascist sympathizers have been appointed by Premier Chamberlain to minor Parliamentary posts—A. Lennox-Boyd, who admits having raised funds for Franco, is chosen Parliamentary secretary to the Labor department; and Henry Cannon, a close friend of von Ribbentrop, is given a post in the department of Foreign Affairs.

## Third of Rural Population Ill Fed, Ill Clothed, Ill Housed

"There is no question that over one-third of our rural population is ill fed, ill clothed and ill housed," declared C. Gill, official of the W.P.A. (Works Progress Administration) to a U.S. Senate committee recently. At least 3,500,000 rural families—or one in every four—had been on relief at some time during the depression, he said.

## LABOR'S POSITION THREATENED

EDMONTON, Mar. 16th.—Organized labor here and throughout the Province is concerned over the introduction in the Legislature of two bills—one giving the government control of seniority over day and night shifts and another, entitled the "Conciliation and Arbitration Bill" which the Alberta Federation of Labor has protested against as giving all the advantage to employers and making effective strikes almost impossible. The daily press is virtually ignoring the bills.

## BOWLEN REBUTS CHARGES

(Continued from page 1)

eral rule if a Minister was found inefficient and incapable he was promptly dismissed from office. He read sections of the finding of Judge Lunney, which definitely placed blame on Hon. Mr. Fallow for inefficient handling of the highway building program and thought it most reprehensible that the Minister should attempt to fix all responsibility for mistakes on civil servants now dismissed, and charge previous Governments with "political patronage" when they were not given an opportunity to present their case.

D. M. Duggan, Conservative Leader, strongly supported this contention and proposed that the resolution be referred to the Agricultural Committee, where former civil servants might be granted a hearing, but the Government majority voted down the amendment 37 to 11, and carried Mr. Fallow's amendment.

A. E. MacLellan, Social Credit, Innisfail, declared that while political patronage was charged against the old contract system, the Royal Commission finding last fall was that political patronage certainly was rampant under the Minister's day labor policy. Mr. Bowlen pointed out that friends of the Minister made a profit of about \$90,000 on two sections of highway, and \$21,000 out of boarding the men.

Speaker Peter Dawson, who had been clashing with Mr. Bowlen considerably during the afternoon, came to his rescue when Mr. Bowlen wished to adjourn the debate at 6 o'clock, and despite protests from the Cabinet bench, adjourned the Assembly until 8 o'clock last night, for the first night sitting of the House. However, the sitting was brief with Mr. Bowlen winding up the debate and having his motion voted down 36-10.

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## NEW PROVINCIAL DEBT LEGISLATION

### How Amendments to Debt Adjustment Act and the New Home Protection Act Affect Alberta Farmers

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

Interest at the present time centres around two new items of debt legislation introduced into the Provincial Legislature last week.

The first is an amendment to the Provincial Debt Adjustment Act. The important part of this amending Act is the introduction into the present Debt Adjustment Act of an entirely new section. In addition to the present protection which is afforded by that Act, this new section provides that any debtor may make an application to the Debt Adjustment Board in the form which is set out in the amendment. Thereupon a certificate is filed by the Board in the Land Titles Office and in the various Judicial Districts and while this certificate is outstanding no action can be taken against the debtor without the consent of the Board. The debtor making the application must at the same time submit a list of his creditors with the amounts of their claims. The Board will then communicate with the creditors and obtain a proper statement of their claims.

#### Must Turn Over Part of Crop

A condition of the application under this section is that the debtor must each year turn over a certain part of his gross income to be distributed amongst his creditors by the Debt Adjustment Board. In the case of a bona fide farmer one-quarter of the gross value of his crop, providing the crop is more than ten bushels to the acre, must be turned over to the Board each year as well as one-quarter of the proceeds of his livestock. In the case of debtors who are not farmers, one-quarter of that part of the gross income must be turned over to the Board in excess of \$400.00 in the case of a single man and \$900.00 in the case of a married man. Any debtor who makes an application under this part and fails to turn over the proper share of his income for distribution among his creditors is liable to a fine upon conviction.

#### Over-rides Other Legislation

Apparently the intent of this amendment is to give the privilege to debtors in the Province to turn over a definite share of their incomes to the Debt Adjustment Board for distribution among creditors and as long as they turn over such share no action can be commenced against them. This amendment overrides the provisions of the Crop Payment Act or any other Act in the Province which gives a creditor more than a one-quarter share of the crop. It is still too early to estimate just how much value this amendment may be in actual practice. A debtor will have to consider his own individual position very carefully in the light of this amendment before deciding which of the various avenues of assistance now open to him should be followed. As matters now stand a farmer has three courses of action open to him.

1. He can apply under the Dominion Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act.
2. He can rest under the general provisions of the Debt Adjustment Act.
3. He can make an application for certificate under this special part.

#### Proposed Home Protection Act

The second item of legislation is known as The Home Protection Act. This bill can be summed up very briefly in the following manner. It only applies to mortgaged lands and is limited to the home place, that is, with respect to farms, the quarter section on which the home is located. It seeks to give the owner of the home place an exemption or equity of \$2,000.00 in priority to any mortgage registered before the 1st of March, 1938. Before commencing foreclosure proceedings with respect to a home place, the holder of a mort-

gage must deposit in Court \$2,000.00 which under certain regulations is paid to the owner of the land if the mortgage is finally foreclosed and there is not otherwise a surplus of that amount. It is really an extension of the Exemptions Act and in effect extends the Exemptions Act to the extent of \$2,000.00 in priority to registered Mortgages with respect to the home quarter only.

At the time of writing neither of these bills have been discussed in the Legislature and I do not think it advisable to make any comment at this time with respect to the constitutionality or the general effect of this last item of legislation.

### Legal Questions Answered

*Answers to legal questions submitted by paid-up subscribers of The Western Farm Leader will be given in this department free of charge. Questions should be addressed to "Legal, The Western Farm Leader, Calgary." The subscription is One Dollar a year.*

#### ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES

##### Soil Drifting

**L.M.C.**—I do not think you could possibly succeed in establishing a claim for damages for soil drifting particularly under the circumstances prevailing in your section of the Province.

##### Municipal Voters' List

**J.V.**—I presume that, while the land was in your father's name, he was assessed for same and as you have not registered the Transfer from your father to yourself, your name has not been put on the voters' list in your Municipality. For that reason it was quite proper for the Deputy Returning Officer to require you to make a declaration before voting. You must understand that until the Transfer is registered the property still remains in your father's name in the Land Titles Office and there is no way the Municipal Officers would know who is the proper owner.

##### Rights of Policeman

**Victim.**—If you can prove that anyone has told other people that you stole the wire in question you would have grounds for an action for damages for slander against such person. It is not part of a policeman's duty to direct you to pay for the wire in question or to return it. If he has the evidence he should lay a charge under the Criminal Code; if he has not the required evidence he has no right to make any such statement as you suggest he has made and you should report the matter to the Attorney-General.

##### Small Debts

**Dried Out Farmer.**—You apparently have a perfectly good claim against the person in question for the amount of your claim. Your difficulty is that he is now living in a different part of the Province and your claim is so small that I am afraid it would not pay you to enter suit, particularly as you would have to do so in another district and the expense and trouble of proving your claim would be far more than the amount of the debt.

Replying to your second question, again the amount involved is very small and the other party is in Vancouver. There is therefore nothing you can do.

Paul Fredericks, John Ness, Floyd Teskey and Joe Eskland are the officers of Plainfield U.F.A. Local this year.

Elmworth U.F.A. Local reorganized recently with Geo. M. Watt as secretary.

## CANADA'S CHARTERED BANKS VALUE YOUR GOODWILL

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**W**HETHER you deal with a bank or whether you don't, some time soon—say the very next time you are passing the bank's door — why not drop in and get acquainted? You're sure of a welcome, because the bank manager wants to know you. So find out for yourself what kind of fellow he is. And before you leave, take a good look at his staff.

The head offices are manned and managed by just that sort of man! Every general manager in Canada started in the banking business as a junior in some small branch, and rose from the ranks.

*This is your introduction to a series of chats in the course of which you will be surprised at how little of mystery and how much of service there is in the business of banking in Canada.*

Canada's chartered banks want your goodwill.

It is only by goodwill that banks make a living — and bankers are your fellow-citizens, the same sort of people as you are.

Of course bankers have heard all the old, threadbare jokes about the banker's glass eye, his delight in humiliating worthy souls who ask for loans — even that grand old chestnut about lending the umbrella when the sun is shining and taking it back when it rains.

So if you think you have a new joke, drop in and spring it on your local bank manager — he'll appreciate it. And if it turns out he's heard it before, he'll still have his sense of humour handy enough to get a chuckle, should you chance to tell him that the banks are being held responsible for the latest storms, or for the loss of the hockey game, or for his own neglect to summon prosperity from just around the corner.

Which should prove to you that your banker is, after all, a very human person. He likes people. All bankers like people. And they want people to like them.

Banks want to be helpful. They realize that they succeed only as the people of the community succeed. Enlightened self-interest? Well yes — but not altogether.

Your local manager will tell you that banks are not stiff-necked; that they do not enjoy refusing loans.

They'd be foolish if they did, for goodwill is the whole core and pith and substance of successful banking.

Use your bank! Get to know the manager. If you know him already, he'd like to know you better.

Talk things over with him. Consult him. He'll be glad to advise you on anything within the scope of his banking knowledge and authority.

He is a part of his community. More than that, he is a good citizen, because he is anxious to be helpful to his fellow-citizens in every permissible way.

You have all sorts of interests in common. Because of the town taxes you both pay, you are really business partners in the community.

Then why shouldn't you know each other, understand each other, better?

He knows that his success as a bank manager depends first upon making himself useful to people, and then upon his ability to get along with them. His whole future is wrapped up largely in those two things,—and well he knows it!

A bank is in business to sell banking service where such service is needed, and where it will do the community most good. So the banker of popular jest, the cold-eyed being who can only say "No", is a man of fiction only.

As we've said before, banks want and need your goodwill. No bank can get along without it. Telling the facts is probably the best method of winning it.

Intelligent people like plain talk. So in the talks to follow we shall be frank in giving you the facts about banks, bank ownership, bank operations, cash, currency, loans and interest. We would like you to read them all.

## THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA

*Your local branch bank manager will be glad to talk banking with you. He will be glad to answer your questions, from the standpoint of his own experience. The next article in this series will appear in this publication. Watch for it.*



## GAY AND SAD REFLECTIONS

Warwick Farm,  
Edgerton, Alberta.

Dear Farm Women:

How strangely varied are the interests of different people!

I could but think of that as some time ago I listened over the radio to the frantic applause for the performance of a philharmonic orchestra, for the punches and hits of a prize-fight, for the trills of grand-opera, for the quick movements of a hockey game, for the sentiment of different speeches, for amusing jokes and so on. Thinking it over I wondered what had interested me or amused me this week.

### "Side Glances"

I think I was most amused at one of those "Side Glances" by George Clark which was in a newspaper wrapped round a neighbor's parcel. Again and again I have picked it up and laughed to myself. He so cleverly depicts an expression with a single stroke of his pencil, and some of his incidents are so true to life. In this particular one, an obviously very young mother, snub nosed, pert faced,

is evidently dressing her baby and she turns to speak to her mother, a stoutish, middle-aged, spectacled woman looking the embodiment of capability, who is looking on. The young woman remarks, "Now I want you to watch everything I do, Mama, in case you're left alone with him some afternoon."

A simple thing at which to be amused, but the expression on "Mama's" face makes one realize that possibly she had better not say all she thinks. I suppose each generation in turn feels it is doing something the previous generation barely contemplated.

### In Our Own Homeland

What depressed me most this week was the reading of Social Planning for Canada by the Research Committee of the League for Social Reconstruction (the "L.S.R."). It is most depressing to realize that in our own home land, in a new country where there has been such opportunity for starting afresh without repeating the mistakes of older countries, in some instances our mismanagement is even more obvious than in the older countries. We have centered our whole civilization so much on personal advancement that the exploitation of the resources have resulted to an appalling extent in a profusion and over-profusion for a steadily diminishing number, and a growing curtailment for an increasing number of others. An almost unbelievable number lack much that goes to make a full life. Much of our public life has been marked by greed and self-interest rather than a conception of public service.

It is depressing to realize how much public opinion will have to change before we set about systematically to

## THE ANNUAL PROTEST

*New curtains, some writers advise us,  
Would tone up our windows for  
spring,*

*And catalogues blandly entice us  
To think about that very thing.  
Some scrim with a posie or frilling,  
Or voile with a gay little dot,  
Would certainly be very thrilling,—  
But perish the thought!*

*Nor is it so very inspiring—  
This scrubbing and rubbing with  
soap,*

*When paint we so much are requiring  
Is, year after year, but a hope.  
We see with renewed aggravation  
Our door-frames and window-sills  
peel—*

*It's plain rural homes of the nation  
Require a new deal!*

*I know it's no use thus complain-  
ing—*

*No good ever came of a whine!  
But courage, I fear me, is waning  
As little home comforts decline.  
Well, times will improve—statesmen  
swear it!*

*But though, until good times begin,  
I'll shoulder my burden and bear it,  
Don't ask me to grin!*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

set our house in order. The cheering part, however, is that it can be changed, and we ourselves can effect the change in our policy, and without the tragedies that some other countries have endured and are enduring to effect a change in the interests of the people.

### Thing That Cheered Me Most

The thing that cheered me most during the week was the remark of a commentator during one of the Symphony Orchestra broadcasts. He was speaking of the size of the present day orchestra compared to that at the time when some of the earlier pieces of music were written.

He remarked that the early ones were written when music was the privilege of the very few. The performances took place in the homes of the nobility. As time progressed, these musical events were held in large halls where those who could afford to pay the admittance heard them, and so the audience was increased by hundreds and the orchestra in these bigger rooms became larger. Today, with the radio, the audience is increased by many thousands and glorious music is the opportunity of

## Honor Mr. and Mrs. Spencer on Occasion of Silver Wedding

We have received from Mr. W. T. Hays, President of McCafferty U.F.A. Local, the following account of a gathering held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Spencer, on Saturday, March 5th. Mr. Spencer was for fourteen years Member of Parliament for Battle River and also in the capacity of director and member of the U.F.A. Executive and as a local officer has given great service to the farm movement. Mrs. Spencer, who was the first vice-president of the Farm Women's section of the United Farmers of Alberta, has placed ourselves and many thousands of Alberta farm people in her debt by contributing the letters to farm women, widely read and enjoyed, which have been published for many years in *The Western Farm Leader* and its predecessor. They will, we know, join with us in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer on the celebration of their Silver Wedding.

"I am sure," writes Mr. Hays, "that a very large number of your readers will be interested to know that it was decided, on Saturday, to hold, instead of our regular monthly social evening, a celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spencer, and at the same time keep the parties concerned in the dark about our plans. This, you can imagine, was some job, knowing as you do the immense interest both take in all our activities. It was accomplished, however, although I believe Mr. Spencer did get an inkling of it shortly before, but Mrs. Spencer was taken completely by surprise.

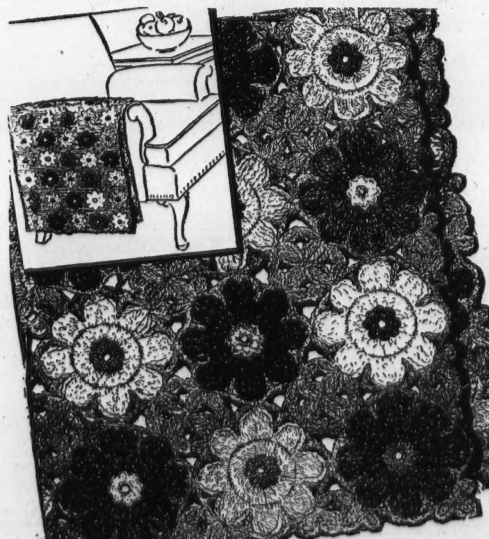
"McCafferty, Browning, Doley and Rosemary districts were all represented the many. Of course I realize there are hundreds and hundreds of people in this country who have not a radio and so do not hear these wonderful musical treats. At the same time, it is a marvellous extension of opportunity.

It cheered me to think that man, possibly despite himself, has made life more worth the living for many. It made me stop and think what a wonderful world is ours if we do but go up and possess it. Unfortunately our efforts hitherto have been largely directed to an idea of personal possession. When we have the conception that our efforts must be collective and for the benefit of all, into what a wonderful world we shall step! A world of almost infinite possibilities of which we are but beginning to dream.

Yours sincerely,  
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

## "The Western Farm Leader" Pattern Department

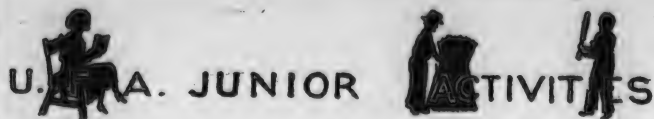
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## YOUTH CENTRES FOR ALBERTA

Calgary's Community Centre Opens

By THOMAS C. ROBERTS

In November, 1937, the Alberta Youth Congress recommended that "Community Centres" be setup throughout the Province. The committee on Recreation and Education accompanied this adopted resolution with a somewhat detailed plan outlining such "Community Centres."

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sented and there were about 150 in attendance. Had the roads been at all decent our large hall would not have held them. First we had a short program of community singing, solos, recitations; also a little dancing. Then Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were called to the centre of the room where a wedding cake was placed on the table. An address was read by Mr. J. Cram, stressing the appreciation of the district of their many acts of kindness and of the services they have rendered during the past 25 years, and hoping that all present would be here to help celebrate their golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer both replied very feelingly. Lunch was served and all went home feeling that a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

### Farm Home and Garden

**Orange Rolls:** Soak a yeastcake in 1/4 cup luke warm water, add 1 beaten egg, 6 tablespoons melted shortening, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup sugar, juice and grated rind of two oranges, 3 cups flour. Knead, adding more flour if necessary. Let rise until doubled in bulk; knead again and shape like Parkerhouse rolls; let rise again and bake in a hot oven. Spread buns with orange butter icing, made by creaming together 1 heaping tablespoon butter, 1 cup icing sugar, 1 tablespoon each lemon and orange juice, and a little grated orange rind.

**Butterscotch Custard:** Mix 3/4 cup brown sugar with 4 tablespoons flour and 1/4 teaspoon salt, then add gradually 2 cups milk; cook over boiling water for 15 minutes, then remove from heat and beat in 2 egg yolks, returning to heat for five more minutes. Pour over 2 stiffly beaten egg whites. Vanilla or maple flavoring may be added. Serve with cream.

**Jellied Vegetable Salad:** Dissolve 1 package lemon jelly in 1 pint boiling water, add 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and a dash of cayenne. When slightly thickened, fold in 3/4 cup chopped raw carrots and 1 cup finely shredded cabbage. Chill. Serve with mayonnaise.

**Hot Cabbage Salad:** Shred finely half a head of cabbage, and cook in boiling salted water 10 minutes; drain. Make a sauce of 1 table spoon each melted butter and flour and 1/2 cup boiling water in which cabbage

However, the section of the report that attracts our attention at this moment is the proposal that all Youth Councils, affiliated organizations and interested individuals should attempt to put this plan or any part of it into effect as soon as possible.

### Youth Centre Opens

On Saturday, March 12th, 1938, the Calgary Youth Council officially opened the "Calgary Youth Centre." The recommendation from the Alberta Youth Congress has come alive; has been brought from the pages of the report into actuality.

In the Calgary Youth Centre every young person in the city can find something to do to occupy his spare time, at no cost to him. Clubs may have a meeting place and individuals can come together. Already the activities have begun. Classes in psychology and sociology, discussion

was cooked. Add 1/4 cup vinegar, and pour over 1 beaten egg. Cook until thickened and mix with the hot cabbage.

**Cod Liver Oil** is on the "must list" for children up to two years of age, in quantities of 2 to 3 teaspoons a day, and it is also advised for children in our climate up to the age of six, during winter. Rickets is still, according to the Consumers' Guide, official U.S. Government publication, the most common disease of children in the temperate zone. Cod liver oil and sunshine, along with properly balanced meals, prevent rickets and ensure good bone development.

### Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Spring Valley U.F.W.A. elected to office, by acclamation, Mrs. Cull, Mrs. Caverhill and Mrs. Alex. Hall.

Camrose U.F.W.A. had a prosperous year in 1937, with several new members. Their meetings, held twice monthly, are usually well attended.

Members of Poplar Lake U.F.W.A. greatly enjoyed the convention report given by Mrs. S. J. Bentley, at the March meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. Whiteford.

A donation for Red Cross relief work in China was made by Fairdonian Valley U.F.W.A. at their last meeting, when Miss Kate Barty and Mrs. A. G. Andrews gave interesting papers.

There was a good turn out for the last meeting of Browning U.F.W.A., when Henry E. Spencer gave a report of the U.F.A. Convention. This Local is paying half the members' fees, and making a quilt to raise funds.

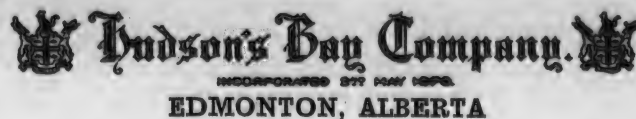
Fleet U.F.W.A. have for some time followed the plan of having the members act in turn as chairman of their meetings and have now, writes Mrs. John Hallett, "a group of willing and well trained chairmen."

### SAVING THE UTENSILS

The family and their guest had just seated themselves at the table.

"Susie" said the mother, "why didn't you put a knife and fork at Mr. McKlunk's place?"

"He don't need any, mother," replied Susie. "You said he eats like a horse."



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groups concerned with current events and international affairs, and courses in musical appreciation and public speaking are well under way. A library, some easy chairs; books and magazines as varied as the people who read them; a radio, player-piano and orthophonic to please the ear; table-tennis, for exercise; and a kitchen for the hungry, are there to be used—and are being used. But remember this is only the beginning.

### Can Be Done Elsewhere

May we assume that we have excited your interest; that you are saying that all this is excellent—for Calgary. But you ask, "What has this to do with us who are miles from Calgary?" The answer to that query is that what Calgary has done surely can be done elsewhere. Undoubtedly other localities will have difficulties that were not present in this city but not unsurmountable ones.

It will be entirely unnecessary to present to country young people the reasons for such a youth centre. Youth in rural areas has long been hampered and frustrated by the lack of such facilities. The recreational, educational and physical needs of such communities are greater than those of the urban centres and the value of such youth centres all too apparent.

Might we suggest then that something be done about it. Get young people in your locality together and make some definite plans. Secure suggestions from the Calgary Youth Council at the Calgary Youth Centre 130b Ninth Avenue West, and base your plan on what has already been accomplished. Now is the time to start—not Tomorrow.

### Junior U.F.A. Activities

Vandyne Juniors have elected as officers Cecil Young, Alfred Brunner and Jean Fee.

Frank Rice, Jean Southward and Dorothy Rice are officers of Spruceville Junior Local this year.

Shouldice Juniors, recently organized by Mrs. R. R. McBride, had a very enjoyable sleigh ride and ski-ing party. Their officers are Marion Brown and Myrtle McRae.

The co-operative movement in Great Britain has set itself as an objective this year an increase in membership of 250,000 and in trade of \$75,000,000.

Leduc Jolly Juniors arranged a banquet for members and their parents. They report many interesting meetings, one social evening and two dances so far this year. Clifford Flood, Eileen McInnis, Stanley Forster and Roderick Johnston are the officers.

### STUDY "SOCIAL PLANNING"

"Social Planning for Canada" has been chosen as the book for study during the current season by study group of the Berrywater U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals at Vulcan, organized by Mr. C. L. Oldfield. This winter the two Locals are holding a series of joint meetings at various members' houses generally for lunch.

Indicating that the men's and women's Locals are taking a very active and useful part in the life of the community, a letter from P. J. Haslam, U.F.A. correspondent, also encloses the names of the officers for the current year as follows:

U.F.A.: Wilson Oldfield, president; Clifford Love, secretary-treasurer. U.F.W.A.: Mrs. Freddie Mensinger, president; Mrs. Ross Walker, secretary-treasurer.

All of the eleven larger school units that were formed during the fall of 1936 had been operated during 1937 at a lower cost than the combined cost of the small single school units comprising them in the previous year, stated G. Fred McNally, Deputy Minister of Education, in his annual report. The savings ranged from about \$100 in the case of Sullivan Lake (with a cost of \$48,224 in 1937 as against \$48,327 in 1936) to nearly \$14,000 in the case of Foremost (with a cost of \$87,540 in 1937 as compared with \$101,488 in the previous year). The eleven units were formed from 744 rural school district.

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## Wheat and War Alarms

Wheat is a very necessary commodity in war times. Threats of a big war in Europe caused by Germany's conquest of Austria failed to budge the wheat market much. In fact there was a 3c drop. This seemed to indicate that a general war is not in the immediate offing. If there was any serious thought about such a possibility there would be extensive wheat buying. Europe's reserves are low and surpluses throughout the world have been depleted.

At the time of writing (March 16th) wheat prices have staged a recovery but there has been no brisk buying. Liverpool does not seem greatly concerned. Here we are apprehensive of a general war starting any day. Europe does not seem to think so, judging by their attitude towards wheat prices.

The U.S. winter wheat crop is coming along in pretty good shape and that is having a decidedly bearish effect. The United States seems to have over-hung the market, having disposed of only around 50 million bushels of surplus wheat. Only a war or very serious damage to the crop will bring prices substantially higher.

Canadian supplies are going down gradually, but there is a considerable quantity of durum wheat on hand and finding a market for that is proving to be a hard job. There is over-production of durum wheats throughout the world. The small supply of northern wheat should be easily disposed of. If a war develops Canada will be decidedly short of wheat and a very large acreage will be seeded this year.

The country is drying up and snow disappearing fast. It looks like an early spring.

### RECORD ENTRIES

Entries for the Calgary Spring Horse Show, March 30th and 31st, constitute a record.

Pure bred cattle sale and sale of bred sows will be held in Regina on March 23rd and 24th, by the Saskatchewan Livestock Association.

The C.N.R. will have to reduce its shop operations beginning April 1st, S. J. Hungerford announces.

Municipalities had been brought almost to the end of their resources, financially, by relief costs, said speakers at the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, meeting in Ottawa; all joined in demanding that the Federal Government should shoulder the relief burden.

After conference with Hon. D. B. Mullen, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Federal Minister of Agriculture, announced that the Federal Government would spend \$1,900,000 this year in Alberta on seed and assistance in seeding operations. The same plan as was in force last year will be followed with only slight variations, Mr. Gardiner said.

## Warns Cream Shippers



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## Butter-fat Prices Now Inconsistent With Butter Market

By C. TOPPENBERG,  
Manager Southern Alberta Dairy Pool

Unfortunately, the present high price generally paid for Butterfat is not consistent with price levels at the Domestic Butter markets.

For example, any creamery today selling a carload east, will receive at the best 32-1/4c (Toronto quoting 35-3/4 less freight and commission, 3-1/2c), leaving the creamery operator the choice of either following the general price paid and losing today, in the most apparent hope of making up for this later, or losing his volume by not paying the current price.

Most likely the present strong bidding for volume will see several weak concerns, with no reserves to draw from, lose out. After which, if this struggle is allowed to continue, those concerns left in power will make adjustments to suit themselves.

### Farmers Should Analyze Situation

These conditions do not tend to stabilize this important industry. Dairy farmers, who have had a hard struggle to obtain the most possible of the consumer's dollar, would do well to analyze the situation carefully. The Southern Alberta Dairy Pool has mailed each and every one of their shippers a circular explaining these matters. Read them, and watch this paper for further information. By all means, do not be misled by present extravagant offers, which are only designed to draw supporters of the co-operative movement away from their own organization.

## Milk and Cream Prices

### Calgary and Edmonton

There has been little change in butter prices, with Montreal quoted at 35-3/4, Toronto 35-3/4, Winnipeg 33-1/2, and the local market at 34-1/2 for special grade. Stock reports indicate that there are 2-1/2 million less pounds in hand than at February 1st. The production of butter has started to increase and everyone looks forward to continued firm market. Imports into Canada have been comparatively small. City milk is \$2.35 per cwt. Calgary, and \$2.23 Edmonton, for 3.6 butter fat.

Wm. Featherston, Otto Bernstein and B. A. Bailey are officers this year of Waterhole U.F.A. Local, Fairview.

The Turgeon Textiles Commission cost the Federal Government over \$173,000. The chairman received in all over \$14,000 and one of the associate counsel was paid \$32,575 in fees, besides travelling expenses and living allowance.

## Livestock Markets Review

**CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 15th.**—The cattle market has been rather active with a strong undertone. Good to choice butcher steers are \$4.35 to \$5.25, common to medium \$3 to \$4; good to choice heifers \$4.25 to \$5; good to choice fed calves \$4.50 to \$5.75. Good cows sold at \$3 to \$3.50, good bulls \$3 to \$3.50. Medium to good stocker steers are quoted at \$3 to \$3.50; good to choice veal calves \$7 to \$8. The hog market is stronger with selects at \$9.75, off trucks \$9.25 and butchers \$8.75, off trucks. Good lambs are up to \$7.75.

**EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, March 15th.**—The cattle market has developed a keener tone and prices have been fully steady to firm. Fed calves are \$4.50 to \$5.50; bulk of good steers \$4.50 to \$4.75, common to medium \$3 to \$4.25. Good to choice heifers sold at \$4 to \$4.50; good cows \$3.25 to \$3.50; canners and cutters \$1.50 to \$2; bulls \$2.50 to \$3. Good stockers are quoted at \$3 to \$3.50, others from \$2.75 down. Good to choice calves are \$7 to \$8. The hog market has been showing a firm tone with selects at \$9.75, bacons \$9.25 and butchers \$8.75, off trucks. Choice lambs are quoted up to \$7.50; yearlings \$4 down and ewes \$3.25 down.

## New Social Credit Bill to Replace Ultra Vires Act

Special Committee at Work on New Legislation

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)  
By C. H. STOUT

**EDMONTON, March 16th.**—Designed to replace the Alberta Social Credit Act, considered by Sir Lyman Duff, Chief Justice of the Canada Supreme Court, to be *ultra vires*, a new Social Credit Bill is being drafted under direction of a special committee named by the Government caucus to supervise legislation proposed by the Cabinet.

This bill is rumored to be little more than a skeleton measure, stripped of features which made the original act subject of legal dispute, but it is expected to sound the death knell of the present Social Credit Board of five members appointed last June to "explore the world" and bring about Social Credit.

It is said the new bill will provide for a board of three members, to be named either by the Premier, or on recommendation of the caucus. Back bench comment is to the effect that Chairman G. L. MacLachlan and his four colleagues, Messrs. Baker, Berg, Hays, and Dr. McPherson, will be displaced by the new measure and that none will be reappointed.

Thus far no report on 1937 operations has been submitted to the Legislature by the Board. Whether the London advisor, L. D. Byrne, will be retained under the new Social Board set up apparently has not yet been decided.

Wastage of gas in Turner Valley is having a bad effect on the Eastern market for oil stocks and oil investments, said R. A. Brown, Turner Valley oil man, on his return from a trip to Eastern Canada.

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS FLAIL FINANCIAL SYSTEM IN HOUSE

Many Social Credit Backbenchers  
Take Part in Debate on Budget  
at Edmonton

(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

EDMONTON, March 16th.—Monday was literally Government members' day in the Legislature, when six backbenchers spoke in the threadbare budget debate, practically all flailing mercilessly the financial system claimed to be responsible for Alberta's new orthodox taxation budget, attacking the Federal Government as being controlled by banks and big business, and reiterating the oft-repeated declaration that Alberta will continue to battle against the monetary octopus until victory is won.

A. E. Fee, Sedgewick, Rev. J. A. Wingblade, Wetaskiwin, O. A. Duke, Rocky Mountain, W. J. Lampley, Peace River, A. V. Bourcier, Lac Ste. Anne, and A. B. MacMillan, Lacombe, carried the torch for the Government during almost the entire afternoon, with the debate swinging to opposition benches finally when J. H. Tremblay, Liberal, Grouard, adjourned the argument until Tuesday.

### Finance and Fate of Nations

Financiers determined the fate of nations, Mr. Fee averred; debts were piling sky-high and could not be paid under the existing system, while governments were "farming out" monetary powers to private interests. Provinces were beginning to assert themselves in self preservation, and it was essential that new structures must be erected to balance production, distribution and consumption. Mr. Fee admitted he didn't like the budget but it was impossible to make it anything else under the present system. Every government was forced to find new avenues of revenue.

A. V. Bourcier, one of the most aggressive among government insurgents, referred to "an empty-headed opposition," the "stupid system" that blocked the people's will, "ridiculous" contentions, "silly" barriers, "abomination of abominations," the "horrible soulless monster," and lamented the fact that the rules of the house "cramped his style."

Rev. Mr. Wingblade thought \$100,000 was not too much money to spend on the Social Credit board, and though previously opposed to indemnity increases had been touched when his fellow members related how it was impossible to give service demanded by their constituents without more pay, and voted as a result for the \$200 advance.

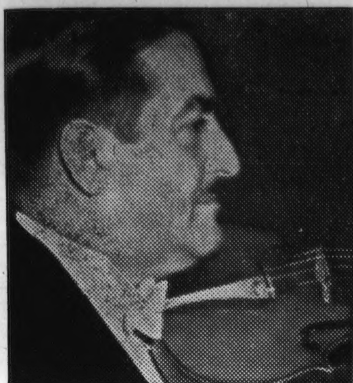
### Selects Imaginary Cabinet

Mr. MacMillan jibed opposition members about their impending trouble of dividing up opposition leaders' allowance without "civil war," rapped John I. McFarland's unity council as representative of Sir Herbert Holt, and created much merriment in Government ranks by selecting an "imaginary" cabinet from opposition benches.

J. H. Lampley, Peace River, confessed he wasn't satisfied with the budget, but considered it was the only kind that could be brought down under the present financial system. He differed with Liberal leader E. L. Gray on the principle of the wild lands tax, holding that more production, which Mr. Gray feared might result from forcing unsuitable lands into cultivation, was essential if distribution made it possible for people to enjoy this surplus as they should. The financial system should be changed; debt loads had become unbearable.

Mr. Lampley wanted taxation's so placed on mortgages and securities that it could not be passed along to be borne by production and consumption. Moreover, he wanted it done this session. He urged the

## Leads Radio Orchestra



Marek Weber, who replaced Frank Black at the conductor's stand several months ago on the Carnation Contented Program, came to America well-equipped to handle his present position. Formerly an orchestra conductor in both Berlin and Vienna, Weber is also a concert violinist, in his own right, and wielded the baton—or rather the bow—for his recording orchestra in England before crossing the Atlantic to continue his musical career. He was named by Franz Lehár, the famous composer, as one of the finest interpreters of the Lehár music. A translator is necessary to interpret his instructions as he does not speak English.

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Above are two of many letters received from delighted subscribers. The set contains seven maps—Canada, United States, Europe, the world, England, Scotland and Ireland, and in addition portraits of heads of

building of a road from Grimshaw to the mouth of the Mackenzie river, and thought the Minister of Public Works should provide money for the project this year.

## Veterinary Questions and Answers

Questions on the care of animals in illness will be answered in this column from issue to issue by a graduate veterinarian with 25 years' experience in practice in Alberta. Every paid-up subscriber to *The Western Farm Leader* is entitled to have a question answered. The subscription is One Dollar per year.

### Grey Mare Has Growth

**High River.**—I have a grey mare that has small growths near root of tail. Do not seem to bother her much. What can I do to get rid of them?

**Answer.**—Would advise leaving them alone. These are melanotic tumors peculiar to grey horses.

### Joint Disease

**Millet, Alta.**—I lost two colts with joint disease this spring. Have these two mares in foal again and would like to know if there is anything I can do to prevent these colts taking this disease?

**Answer.**—Would advise you feed these mares a mineral supplement containing iodine. You will not only prevent joint ill but will get stronger, healthier colts.

### Discharge from Nostril

**Hythe, Alberta.**—Horse has discharge from nostril which has an offensive odor. What would be the cause of this?

**Answer.**—This condition is usually caused from a diseased tooth. Have horse's teeth examined by a Veterinarian.

### Young Pigs Crippled

**Strome, Alta.**—I have a number of pigs about three months old that are crippled in hind legs. Some of them are unable to get up at all. Kindly advise.

**Answer.**—This paralysis or crippling is the result of a lack of minerals in the ration. By feeding a good mineral supplement this can be corrected.

### Poll Evil

**Delia.**—Eight year old mare has a large swelling on top of head which breaks and runs pus. Kindly let me know what to do for this.

**Answer.**—This condition is called Poll Evil. Would advise having your local Veterinarian examine your mare.

A new U.F.A. Local has been organized at Calmar, with J. E. Cook as president and T. Kucharski as secretary.

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### PROFITS SOAR

NEW YORK, March 16th.—Reports from 385 corporations show that their aggregate profits for 1937 were over \$1,500,000,000, an increase of 12.4 per cent over 1936.

About ten per cent of the berry growers in the Mission districts, who were not organized, continually frustrated the efforts of the co-operative "to get the best out of the market," declared the manager of the Pacific Co-operative Union in his annual report. However, the co-operative had done business last year totalling almost a half million dollars.

Part of the French drive for empire sufficiency consists in increasing grapefruit and pineapple production in her African colonies.

An advisory board to help graduates find employment has been set up by the University of Alberta.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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And that reminds us that having "Lost his Eden," Mr. Chamberlain has found that the Foreign Office is no Paradise.

Speaking of Paradise, things don't change much. Way back before grandma was girl it was a "Big Apple" that led poor old Adam a dance.

### THIS IS TERRIBLE

We see by the papers where a Roundhouse has been turned into a church. And doubtless they now preach the Four Square gospel therein.

Paris fashion note states that the height of ladies' hats is coming down. Oh, goody, goody, the sweet young things will no longer be able to high hat us.

### GOLDIE GETS AMBITIOUS

On the strength of a news item that Hollywood is seeking to corral the "most perfect girl of 1938," L'il Goldilocks, our office vamp, has asked for a raise.

New York columnist says that hard work is bound to bring success. Yep, provided you can get enough people to do it for you.

### SO!

Down on the farm this is the season of sowing and sewing. And therefore, of course, things are only about so, so.

It may be a little late in the year, but Knotty Frankie rises to remark that a good resolution for the future is better than a poor excuse for the past.

### SO WOULD OURS

We'll bet that when the Provincial Premier heard those Supreme Court decisions, "Abe's Irish Rose."

Our esteemed contributor, Gloomy Gus, must have passed the middle-age mark. Yep, he's started thinking that he might just as well have died young.

We take pleasure in informing our readers that a new contributor has joined our ranks in the person of Dr. Diogenes T. Aristotle of Midnapore and points east. It will be remembered that this world-famous angle worm breeder was the man who discovered that the reason the world spins round is because there are so many dizzy blonds in it. And now, defying all contradiction, he boldly declares that the reason a woman never reaches the age of discretion is because she'll never admit she is as old as that.

Wally, our incurable bach., tells us that there is no danger of him leading a double life as times are so tough he hasn't got even a single income.

### SPEAKING OF PICTURES

Parisian authority says that with a good hat and good shoes a woman may be said to be well and properly dressed. That's it, "September morn," as we recall the lady, had no hat, but her feet were covered.

Oh, hum, this column would sincerely like to pay as we go, only somehow we just don't seem to be able to get going.

## SPORT

Calgary Rangers emerged as senior hockey champions of Alberta after a gruelling play-off series. The Olds Elks, Drumheller Miners and Luscar Indians had to be overcome and in each instance the series went to three games. The Luscar team, figured as easy victims, showed surprising strength and gave the Rangers a lot of trouble before they were finally subdued.

Now the Rangers play off with the Trail Smoke-eaters, champions of British Columbia. According to all the dope Trail should win out. Hockey fans in the Crownest Pass have been contending all season that play is faster in their league than in the Alberta senior league.

The Calgary Rangers are not a great hockey club, but they are a smart club. Both forward lines have plenty of speed and understanding. The defence is sound, without being brilliant.

The Rangers are undoubtedly the best team in Alberta. The ease with which the Olds Elks defeated the Lethbridge Maple Leafs in Lethbridge in an exhibition game eliminates the southern team from consideration.

In the eastern big league, the Boston Bruins are outstanding favorites to win the Stanley Cup with New York Rangers second and Toronto Maple Leafs third. Based on the season's play that seems to be the natural way the competition should finish. I have an idea, however, that an upset may occur.

The Maple Leafs are a young team which may reach a season's peak about play-off time. If they do the Bruins and the Rangers had better watch out. In recent years the Leafs have always reached a peak at mid-season and been on the decline when the play-offs came around. That is just a hunch. See how it works out.

Our guess is that those politicians who are opposed to any system of economic independence know that it would make men hard to boss—and women too.

### TODAY'S DEFINITION

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Declaring that President Miklas of the Austrian republic had "authorized me to inform the Austrian people that we yield to force," Kurt von Schuschnigg, last chancellor of an independent Austria, (above), broadcast a pathetic message last Friday, just before resigning, in obedience to an ultimatum from Hitler. Schuschnigg took this course, he stated, to avoid the shedding of blood. Reins of government were assumed by the Nazi Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, who immediately issued a decree dissolving the independent Austrian state and

declaring it to be merged with the German Reich. German forces marched into Austria Saturday, and Hitler crossed the border soon afterwards for a triumphal march to Vienna.

Schuschnigg succeeded Dolfuss, the former chancellor, who was murdered by Austrian Nazis. Dolfuss missed his one opportunity to build up a strong united front against Nazi designs when, at Mussolini's bidding, he ordered the bombardment of the model municipal tenements occupied by the moderate So-

cialists who ruled the Vienna municipality. They had been co-operating with his Government. Subsequently Dolfuss and Schuschnigg ruled as dictators, but their clerical dictatorship was mild as compared with those of Hitler and Mussolini. Today Socialists, members of Schuschnigg's "Fatherland Front," until last week the only legal party, and Jews and Catholics are being crushed under the iron heel of the Nazi despotism. Thousands are in prison or in concentration camps.

### Acquiesces in Conquest



While the belief that Premier Chamberlain could entice Mussolini from his alliance with Hitler by the payment of blackmail had been freely expressed, and it was expected that the Duce himself would be alarmed by the extension of the Reich to Italy's northern border, Mussolini immediately acquiesced in the conquest of Austria, troops of the two states exchanged courtesies across the frontier, and the "Berlin-Rome Axis" remained firm. The question now is what reward has Hitler promised for this acquiescence? Is it support in the effort to realize Mussolini's dream of supremacy in the Mediterranean? Mussolini is seen above addressing a crowd in Rome.

### Carried Out Dramatic Coup d'Etat



Adolph Hitler (left), who with customary disregard of his own pledged word, to respect Austria's independence, carried out the coup last week-end which added Austria to the German Reich. With him is seen Herman Goering, who acted as temporary chancellor of Germany when Hitler stepped across the border on to Austrian soil. The coup added 32,750 sq. miles and a population of about 7,000,000 to the Reich, and brought Europe to the brink of a general war.